

Middle Fork Fire Fact Sheet**Acres:** 19,305**Fire Information phone line:** 970-439-4725**10/13/2020****Incident Commander:** Jeramy Dietz, Type 3 IMT**Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7153/>

Today's Situation: Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping from a recon flight completed yesterday evening. The major concern for firefighters today will be 18-35 mph wind gusts this afternoon. Additional firefighting resources are arriving today to assist with the fire. A Type 1 handcrew, engines, and other equipment are on order. Aircraft will continue to drop water on the fire as weather conditions allow. Please be aware of additional trails and roads that are included in the Middle Fork Fire Public Safety Closure Order. To view the order and closure map, please visit inciweb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7153/>. Please avoid the closure area to allow firefighting resources to safely travel to and throughout the incident to perform suppression operations.

With the recent snow and precipitation received over the fire, firefighters will take advantage of decreased fire behavior and continue building and improving containment lines and extinguishing hot spots where safe.

Weather: Today- Mostly sunny skies with highs near 65 degrees and relative humidity of 16-21%. Winds out of the west at 8-12 mph by 10:00 am increasing to 12 to 35 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight- Clear night skies with lows between 38-43 degrees and relative humidity of 12-18% with winds out of the west at 12-18 mph with gusts to 25 mph.

Fire Behavior: Due to strong winds in the fire area, moderate fire behavior with some torching, flanking, and backing fire towards the northeast, northwest and southeast is possible.

Firefighting Resources: Approximately 146 personnel are assigned to the fire, including five helicopters (three Type 1, one type 2, and one Type 3), two single engine airtankers, and a fixed-wing air attack to help coordinate aerial operations.

Evacuations: There are no evacuation or pre-evacuation orders in effect for Routt County. Pre-evacs are in place in Jackson county for Rainbow Lakes, Aqua Fria, as well as Teal and Tiago Lakes areas. This is not intended for the Rainbow Lakes Community. That notification from Jackson County was primarily made for hunters, and ranchers with cattle in those areas. Not all management action points stimulate evacuations, however if the fire were to reach any pre-identified management action points that are evacuation related, it would trigger Routt and Jackson County Sheriff's Office to initiate pre-evacuation orders through their reverse-911 system. To sign up for alerts, visit <http://routtcountyalerts.com> or <https://jacksoncountyor.org/emergency/Resources/Citizen-Alert>. The county provides tips for wildfire preparedness, including planning for pets and livestock, on their website at <http://www.co.routt.co.us/309/Fire-Safety-Tips-for-Rural-Residents>.

Fire Restrictions: Stage 2 Fire Restrictions are in effect in Routt and Jackson counties, on all the Routt National Forest, and across much of Northwest Colorado. For additional information, please visit the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mbr/home>